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**RELATED TO ITEM #11 (ANTELOPE VALLEY REHABILITATION CENTERS)**

Item #11 on today’s agenda includes an important set of improvements to the Acton campus of the Antelope Valley Rehabilitation Centers (AVRC) operated by the Department of Public Health (DPH). The Board-approved FY 2010-11 budget for DPH includes the consolidation of the AVRC from two campuses to one campus. The consolidation is part of DPH’s plan to improve AVRC services by focusing staff and program activities at one campus. Both the Warm Springs and Acton campuses are in need of extensive repairs, and the DPH is not in a position to fully fund improvements at both locations. These improvements are sound investments that will allow the program to continue to be successful and allow DPH to achieve \$1.7 million in ongoing efficiencies through the closure of the Warm Springs campus, which is in need of extensive capital repairs and consolidation of the AVRC to Acton.

The consolidation and improvements at Acton make sense fiscally. However, because Warm Springs has historically been a valuable program, it is important that

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DPH take steps to preserve its good program elements and explore alternative funding to allow for the future use of the campus as an appropriate location for services.

**I, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the proposed improvements at Acton; and
2. Direct the Department of Public Health to work with advocates, staff, and employee representatives to A) document the program at Warm Springs to ensure key program elements are incorporated into ongoing AVRC programs, B) explore community residential service needs and capacity, and C) explore capital and operational funding, including opportunities under health care reform, that would allow operation of Warm Springs while meeting the goals of increasing the effectiveness of the AVRC program and achieving DPH budget savings, and report back to the Board in 90 days.

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